

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., on December 14, 2020, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room; public called in thru Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Mayor	Wally Solis
Mayor Pro-tem	Pablo Morales
Commissioner	Tony Chavez
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles
Commissioner	Rick Salinas

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Joe Cabrera	Gerald Cantu
Armin Martinez	Juan Salinas
Rick Hoffman	

AUDIENCE

Johnny Rivera	Maria Luisa Gonzalez
Mathew Montemayor	Quentin Anderson
Judy Langford	Paula Rodriguez
Mary Stewart	Michael Scott
Allen Essex	Rey Hinojosa

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2020. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 9, 2020; Special Meetings on November 16 and November 23, 2020. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

**PLANNING &
ZONING**

1. Ezequiel Martinez: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to grant Mr. Martinez the Commercial Zone-Specific Use to reside at 8143 Park Avenue; with temporary parking in the front. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

VISITORS:

2. Sigrid Adameit: discussed outstanding water account for the Thirsty Horse business and payment plan. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to require 75% down and the balance on a payment plan. Commissioner Salinas against; discussion broke out with Ms. Adameit on the phone; Ms. Adameit willing to pay \$100 every two weeks beginning on January 15th.....no action was taken.
3. Alama Barron: Commissioner Chavez made the motion to discuss item; Commissioner Morales seconded.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to grant Ms. Barron a sewer adjustment and payment plan for (6) months. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

**GENERAL
FUNCTION**

4. Langford Community Management Services: Judy Langford gave a presentation of their services with the city in the last 7 years working with the city.
5. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to discuss the annual audit proposals; Commissioner Chavez seconded.

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve proposal from Carr, Riggs, & Ingram for (3) years 2021-2023. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

6. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to discuss the depository proposal; Commissioner Morales seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to accept the proposal from First Community Bank for (3) years 2021-2023. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

7. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve newspaper bid from the Raymondville Chronicle & Willacy County News. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
8. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to discuss the Interlocal Agreement from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council; Commissioner Morales seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Lyford regarding the 911. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

9. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to discuss the Notice of Election deadline; Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Notice of Deadline to file an application for Place on the Ballot. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

10. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to discuss the Game Room Ordinance No. 09-08-24 requirements; Commissioner Chavez seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move item #10 to Closed Session. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

11. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to discuss the bids for repair to the city properties damaged by Hurricane Hanna. Commissioner Morales seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to request bids for the repair to the Pavilion restrooms; Central Park baseball canopy; and the water plant facilities. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

12. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to discuss the speed bumps; Commissioner Mireles seconded.

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to place speed bumps on W. 2nd Avenue, W. Glen Lofton, and So. Simon Gomez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

13. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to cancel the special meeting on December 28, 2020. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

14. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to discuss Festivity Fund; Commissioner Morales seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to allow spending of festivity funds not to exceed \$1,500 for the employees annual appreciation. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

Drive by Christmas toys as requested by Chief Martinez contingent on CDC or County Judge approval.

15. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 11/30/2020. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

16. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to discuss the monthly bills; Commissioner Chavez seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the monthly bills including, but not limited to: NM Contracting \$35,690.20, Diamond 8 \$119,025.58, \$24,500.00; and Cornett Construction \$41,403.49. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

17. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report was submitted.

18. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report was presented.

19. Lyford Fire Department monthly activity report presented.

20. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.

21. Secretary's monthly financial reports were presented.

22. Mayor reported update on the Covid-19 and reimbursements.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session from 8:36 pm to 9:27 pm

23. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to rehire Devin Nino, full time with benefits at \$8.50 per hours. Angel Castro, Jr., \$8.00 per hour; part time 32 hours with no benefits; evaluate after 6 months. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Morales made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis